

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

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Happy 35th Birthday Bashir Siddiq Ansari

WHEREAS, *Bashir Siddiq Ansari*, native of Buffalo, New York, has dedicated his time and efforts to our community with the mindset to proudly serve others which was instilled in him at a young age from his parents and leaders in our community, Mr. Fajri and Dr. Lavonne Ansari; and

WHEREAS, Bashir excelled early on his academics as a graduate of Hutchison Central Technical High School, also known as "Hutch Tech"; and

WHEREAS, during this time at Hutch Tech, Bashir was the star point guard on the Varsity Boys basketball team for two years and was an intricate part of Tech Boys Cross-Country undefeated season in 2004, finishing as a top-10 cross country runner in Buffalo at the All High Cross-Country finale; and

WHEREAS, Bashir was a member of Brockport State College's NCAA Division III Elite 8 basketball team in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Bashir returned to Western New York and continued to play collegiate basketball for Buffalo State College, where he was a member of the SUNYAC All-Academic Team; and

WHEREAS, Bashir received his Bachelors of Science in Entrepreneurship at Buffalo State in 2010; and

WHEREAS, also during this college years, Bashir met a smart and beautiful woman named Stephanie and on September 13, 2015, Bashir and Stephanie shared their heart-felt vows and became husband and wife; and

WHEREAS, for the past 6 years, Bashir has devoted himself to remain an amazing and loving husband; and

WHEREAS, Bashir is the proud father of two wonderful children, Zakariah (Zach) and Nadia; and

WHEREAS, Bashir is also a devoted brother to his sister Naila and devoted uncle to her beloved son, Noah Woods; and

WHEREAS, Bashir has worked for Citi Bank for 10 years in finance and risk infrastructure and recently received a well-earned promotion to Vice President of Project Management in the DART (Data, Analytics, Reporting and Technology) Department; and

WHEREAS, through his love of community, teaching, and exceptional basketball knowledge, Bashir, along with his brother Tariq, co-founded Solid Foundation Prep, Inc. a vision that was born out a passion for community, education, mentoring and basketball; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his loyalty to our youth through Solid Foundation Prep, Bashir is the recipient of the Brother Sherman Muhammad Award for his contribution to education; and

WHEREAS, while he's not coaching basketball at McKinley or working, Bashir enjoys watching Jeopardy, movies, eating lots of pizza and spending quality time with his family; and

WHEREAS, Bashir is also an amazing writer and has written and co-written for a few film projects and has also taught a creative writing class for elementary school children; and

WHEREAS, those who know Bashir will tell you that he is a natural teacher / coach dedicated to the success of all his players, friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Bashir is a pillar of strength, support, joy and continues to display humility and the willingness to help others without hesitation; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body desires to acknowledge and recognize individuals such as **Bashir Ansari** who bless our community with his devotion and talent, for which he has received many well-deserved accolades and achievements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby applauds and recognizes **Bashir Ansari** for his expertise in coaching, education, mentoring, and his love of community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature wish **Bashir** a very happy 35th birthday as well as health and happiness in all his years to come.

Hon. April N.M. Baskin
Erie County Legislator, 2nd District

Hon. Howard J. Johnson Jr.
Erie County Legislator, 1st District